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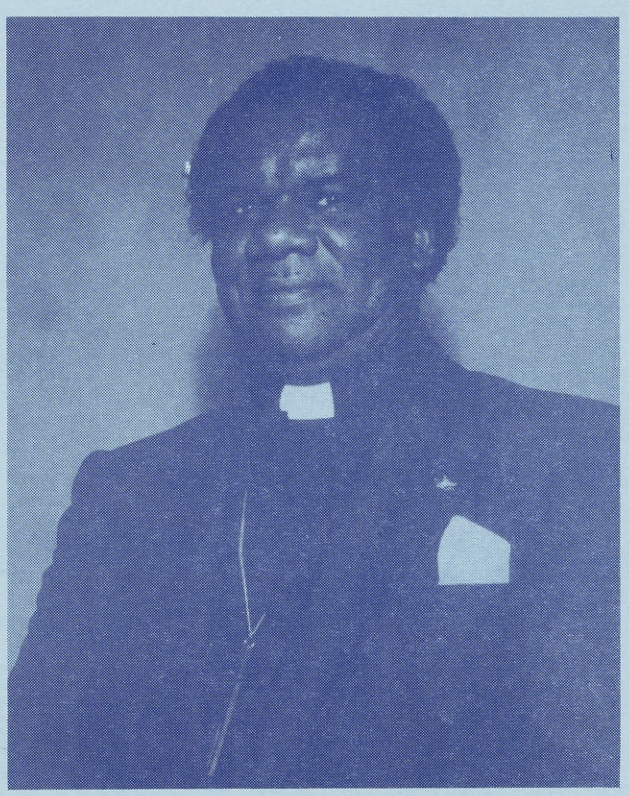


Reverend George Estus Marshall

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Friday
March 29, 1996
7:00 P.M.

HOMEGOING SERVICE
Saturday
March 30, 1996
11:00 A.M.

GOOD SAMARITAN CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
625 West MacArthur Blvd.
Oakland, California

HOST PASTOR
Administrative Assistant Donald R. Murray

OFFICIANT
Elder Jerry W. Macklin
1st Administrative Assistant
California Northwest Jurisdiction

Bishop Martin Jefferson Clifton
Jurisdictional Prelate
California North Central Eclessiastical Jurisdiction

Obituary

George Estus Marshall

Reverend George Estus Marshall was born to Ennis Calvin Marshall, Sr. and Bonnie Ray Rabb in Marshall, Texas, September 19, 1933.

At the age of seven his family moved to Berkeley, California where he attended Berkeley Public Schools.

From infancy he was taught Godly principles and to love the Lord. At the age of 14 he received Christ as his personal Savior at Ephesians Church of God in Christ (Carleton Street) under the leadership of the late Bishop E.E. Cleveland.

Within a short time after accepting Christ, the Lord called him to preach and at the age of 18 years old he was officially ordained by the Late Bishop B.R. Stewart, Sr. He was the youngest ordained elder in Northern California Churches of God in Christ. For the next ten years he evangelized in over thirty-six states.

In 1964 he moved from Berkeley to Bakersfield to assist Reverend H.A. Green at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Bakersfield, California.

Upon returning to the Bay Area in 1969, he began assisting the Late Reverend Stovall at Progressive Baptist Church in Berkeley, California.

In 1976 he married Carmen C. Means of Oakland, California and to this union one son was born.

In 1977, Bishop M.J. Clifton, pastor of East Oakland Church of God in Christ, requested his assistance and one year later he appointed him as 1st Administrative Assistant Pastor.

In 1982 the Lord moved upon his heart to pastor again and he became pastor and founder of Grace Memorial Community Church of God in Christ in Oakland, California.

He and his wife Carmen became a powerful gospel duo in the bay area, with her singing and him preaching. Many, many lives were touched and saved through this awesome ministry.

After twelve years, the Lord moved upon Reverend Marshall and his wife to relocate the church to Concord, California and change the name to Grace Memorial Christian Center.

God moved in a mighty way in Concord and many lives were spiritually transformed by the power of the Holy Ghost.

Upon returning to the bay area, he and his family once again joined the fellowship at East Oakland Church of God in Christ where he continued in the ministry until the Lord called him home.

Reverend Marshall was not only anointed to preach the gospel but he was also highly intelligent and very educated.

Some of his life's achievements were:

- A.A. Degree at Bakersfield Jr. College
- B.A. in Psychology, University of California at Berkeley
- Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) Pacific School of Religion, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California
- Graduate Studies in Psychology, University of San Francisco

Reverend Marshall was married to Carmen for 19 years and three months. He was a very faithful and loving husband until the Lord called him home on March 21, 1996. (while asleep next to Carmen)

He leaves to celebrate his home going his beloved wife and son: Carmen Conchita and Anthony Estus; 3 daughters: Jacqueline La Verne Marshall, Christine Denise Easley, and Valerie Lynn Marshall; One stepson: Mr. Michael Blathers, Step parents: Elder and Sister Johnny Tolbert, Sr., Four brothers: Mr. Johnny Tolbert, Jr., Mr. Chester W. Tolbert, Mr. Victor Tolbert, Mr. Joel Tolbert, One daughter-in-law: Mrs. Celestine Blathers, one son-in-law: Mr. Robert E. Easley, Sr., one sister-in-law: Mrs. Carol Lee Tolbert, eight granddaughters, four grandsons, one great-granddaughter, one great-grandson, four nieces, four nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

The Memorial Service

For Reverend, Dr. George Estus Marshall

Friday, March 29, 1996

7:00 p.m.

Host Pastor: *Administrative Assistant Donald R. Murray*

Processional . . . . . *"I Will Trust In The Lord"* . . . . . *Clergy and Family*
Minister Sylvester Burks, Organist

The Master of Ceremony . . . . . *Pastor Earl C. Stuckey*

The Invocation . . . . . *Minister Jovanne Strong*

The Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Old Testament: *1st Chronicles 29:11-15*
New Testament: *1st Thessalonians 4:13-18*

The Selection . . . . . *Sonlight Specials*
San Francisco, California

The Expressions *(2 minutes each)*

Reverend Bill Beatty — *Reverend John Borens*
Elder Charles Daggs — *Reverend John W. Nervis*
Reverend Solomon Plummer

The Selection . . . . . *Sonlight Specials*
San Francisco, California

The Resolution . . . . . Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

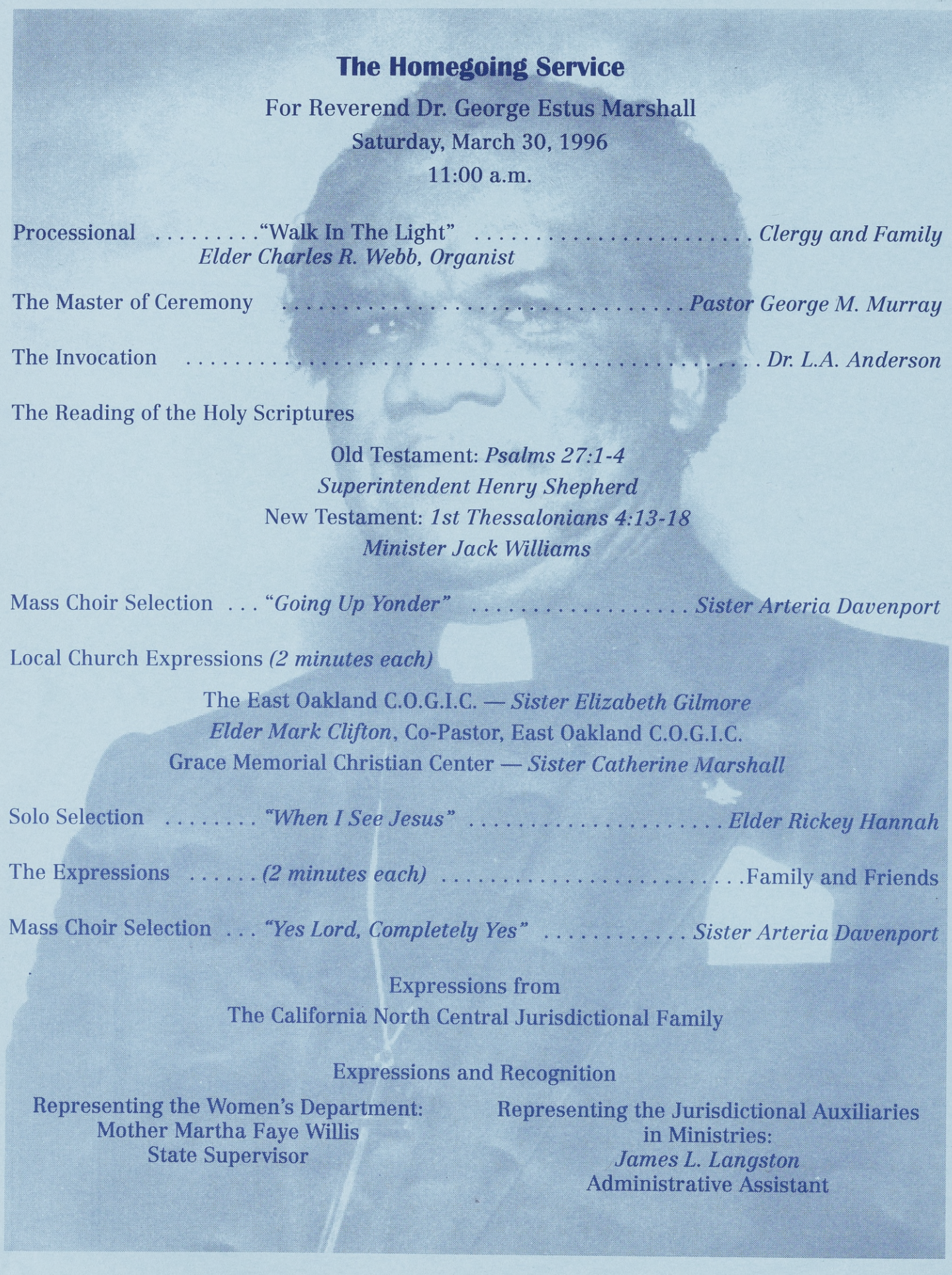
The Obituary . . . . . *Read Silently*

The Sermonic Solo . . . . . *Sister Edythe Rucker*
Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

The Words of Comfort . . . . . *Dr. M.T. Thompson*
Pastor
Berkeley Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Parting View

Recessional



The Homegoing Service

For Reverend Dr. George Estus Marshall

Saturday, March 30, 1996

11:00 a.m.

Processional . . . . . "Walk In The Light" . . . . . *Clergy and Family*
Elder Charles R. Webb, Organist

The Master of Ceremony . . . . . *Pastor George M. Murray*

The Invocation . . . . . *Dr. L.A. Anderson*

The Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Old Testament: *Psalms 27:1-4*
Superintendent Henry Shepherd
New Testament: *1st Thessalonians 4:13-18*
Minister Jack Williams

Mass Choir Selection . . . *"Going Up Yonder"* . . . . . *Sister Arteria Davenport*

Local Church Expressions *(2 minutes each)*

The East Oakland C.O.G.I.C. — *Sister Elizabeth Gilmore*
Elder Mark Clifton, Co-Pastor, East Oakland C.O.G.I.C.
Grace Memorial Christian Center — *Sister Catherine Marshall*

Solo Selection . . . . . *"When I See Jesus"* . . . . . *Elder Rickey Hannah*

The Expressions . . . . . *(2 minutes each)* . . . . . Family and Friends

Mass Choir Selection . . . *"Yes Lord, Completely Yes"* . . . . . *Sister Arteria Davenport*

Expressions from
The California North Central Jurisdictional Family

Expressions and Recognition

Representing the Women's Department:
Mother Martha Faye Willis
State Supervisor

Representing the Jurisdictional Auxiliaries in Ministries:
James L. Langston
Administrative Assistant

The Homegoing Service

For Reverend Dr. George Estus Marshall

Saturday, March 30, 1996

11:00 a.m.

Representing Pastors and Elders:
Pastor Ulysses Davison

Representing the District Superintendents:
Superintendent John Ganaway

Representing the Jurisdictional
Executive Board:
Administrative Assistant
Marshall Q.C. Simmons

Acknowledgement of Special Guests:
(Bishops, National Officers, Clergy and Civic Officials)
Administrative Assistant Perry A. Williams

Expressions . . . . . *Bishop and Mrs. T.L. Westbrook*

The California North Central Jurisdictional Tribute:
Superintendent Gordon Choyce

Acknowledgement of Cards and Telegrams
Missionary Connie Dyer

The Obituary . . . . . Read Silently

The Introduction of the Bishop Martin Jefferson Clifton
Jurisdictional Bishop
California North Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Administrative Assistant Donald R. Murray

The Introduction of the Eulogist

The Sermonic Hymn . . . . . *"It Is Well With My Soul"* . . . . . *Sister Emma Borens*

The Eulogy . . . . . *Elder Jerry W. Macklin*
Pastor
Glad Tidings Church of God in Christ
1st Administrative Assistant
California Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

The Recessional

Dad,

God saw you getting tired and cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you and whispered, "Come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hand to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us, he only takes the best.

Love Always,
Valerie L. Marshall

Marshall,

You were the best of life and joy to us. Sleep on and take your rest: You were truly loved, but Jesus loved you best.

Love Always,
Your Loving Wife and Son
Carmen & Anthony

Active Pallbearers

Brother Vernel Davis
Minister Peter Robinson
Minister Benjamin Robinson
Brother Michael Blathers
Reverend Solomon Plummer
Brother Robert L. Easley

Honorary Pallbearers

The Adjutants and Pastors
of
The California North Central Jurisdiction

Acknowledgements of Appreciation

The Family of the late Reverend George Estus Marshall wishes to express their gratitude for your many kindnesses and attendance. May the promises of the Scripture be our hope today, our peace tomorrow, and our comfort always.

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Interment: Rolling Hills Memorial Park
Richmond, California